This is the fifth year that the Center for Vocation and Career (CVC) has published our *Life After Wheaton* report, and for five straight years Wheaton graduates have “landed” at rates significantly higher than the national average.

The data consistently shows that Wheaton graduates are well prepared to enter the workforce, graduate school, volunteer opportunities, or other adventures of their choosing. We are confident that the Class of 2022 graduates are equipped with everything they need to help “build the church and benefit society worldwide.” Not only have they developed strong, versatile skills through their liberal arts education, but they are joining the deeply connected Wheaton network with opportunities to engage with alumni all over the globe who are eager to share their wisdom and insight.

We have been tremendously proud of the Class of 2022 as my colleagues and I have journeyed with them during their years at Wheaton. These graduates spent two years of their Wheaton education pivoting during a global pandemic, and they demonstrated the kind of grit, tenacity, and grace that will serve them well as young alumni.

And the CVC is here, cheering them on and offering our full array of services for the next two years. We have seen firsthand what this class is made of, and we can’t wait to see what they will do next!

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**Survey Methodology**

This survey is conducted according to guidelines from the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), the professional association for college career services. NACE’s First Destination Survey captures information on how new college graduates fare in their careers within six months of graduation. The annual initiative provides clear, concise, and consistent data on the outcomes associated with a college education on a national scale (naceweb.org).

In addition to providing outcomes for specific graduating classes, the First Destination Survey is designed to provide data trends over time to inform the discussion about the value of higher education. The standards and protocols allow collection of information from an electronic survey conducted by the Center for Vocation and Career, as well as job information from sources like LinkedIn.

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**CLASS OF 2022 FIRST DESTINATION SURVEY RESULTS**

99.2% of the class landed* within six months of graduation, compared to the national average of 84.1% in 2021 (NACE).

*employed, interning, furthering their education, or pursuing other adventures of their choice
WHERE ARE WHEATON GRADUATES WORKING?

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Alumni Profile

Justin Antonello ’22

Major: Business Economics
Landed: Analyst at JP Morgan Chase

As a resident assistant in the fall of 2020, Justin discovered the value of working hard and trusting God, even in the midst of a global pandemic. Reflecting on that year, he said, "In hard times, you can turn to the world, or you can turn to God." His Residence Life team inspired him to remain faithful to his work and to continue to look ahead in hope. With a desire to start a career in finance and business, Justin wasn’t sure how his liberal arts degree would translate when applying for jobs. But one business/economics class, co-taught by Wheaton alumni in the consulting and venture capital funding fields, helped him gain the confidence he needed to articulate how his major, experience as an RA and Student Ambassador, and liberal arts education prepared him to add value to potential employers. With a referral by a Wheaton faculty member, Justin landed a position as an analyst at JP Morgan Chase where he continues to lean into his faith as he adapts to the steep learning curve of investment banking. His advice to current students is “Trust the Lord. He is working something in your life that is beyond you. Don’t forget who you are!”

Salary Data**

Average Full-Time Salary: $48,252
Range of Full-Time Salary: $20,000 – $130,000

*This is a partial list of employers for 2022 graduates.
**Based on available student-reported actual salary information (base salaries only).
Excludes part-time positions, internships, fellowships, and residential positions where housing is part of compensation package.
National average Liberal Arts & Sciences salary of $45,845 (NACE).
HOW DID THEY LAND?

Full or part-time employment, including:

• Employed as an entrepreneur
• Employed in a temporary/contract work assignment
• Employed as a freelancer
• Employed in a postgraduate internship or fellowship
• Employed in all other work categories

Where are they now?

Top 5 states where the Class of 2022 landed

- 29% Enrolled in graduate school or continuing education
- 67% Employed
- 2% Military service
- 1% Volunteer, missionar, or national service (Peace Corps TEAM, AmeriCorps, Teach For America, etc.)
- 1% Pursuing other adventures
- 0.8% Still looking

Other Countries
- Canada
- Colombia
- UK
- Indonesia
- Mexico
- Thailand
- The Gambia
- Togo
WHAT ARE THEY STUDYING IN GRADUATE SCHOOL OR OTHER EDUCATIONAL ENDEAVORS?

Class of 2022 by field of study

- Applied Nutrition
- Architecture
- Art History & Visual Culture Studies
- Biomedical Engineering
- Biostatistics
- Business Economics
- Chemistry
- Classics
- Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- Clinical Psychology
- Communication
- Data Science
- Dental Medicine
- Elementary Education
- English
- Environmental Management
- Geology
- Global Leadership
- Health Science
- Higher Education & Student Development
- History of Christianity
- Humanitarian & Disaster Leadership
- Journalism
- Language, Culture, & Curriculum
- Law
- Leadership and Culture Management
- Marriage & Family Therapy Medicine
- Music Performance
- Neuroscience
- Nursing
- Philosophy
- Physical Therapy
- Physics
- Psychology
- Public Health
- Secondary Education
- Statistics
- TESOL
- Theology
- Transportation Engineering
- Urban Planning & Public Affairs
- Veterinary Medicine

WHERE ARE THEY STUDYING?

- Baylor University
- Boston College
- Colorado School of Mines
- Cornell University
- Duke University
- Elmhurst University
- Emory University
- George Washington University
- Harvard University
- Illinois Institute of Technology
- Indiana University School of Medicine
- Johns Hopkins University
- Loyola University Chicago
- New York University
- Northwestern University
- Oxford University
- Princeton Theological Seminary
- Purdue University
- Samford University
- Texas A&M University School of Law
- Texas Christian University
- The Pennsylvania State College of Medicine
- University College London
- University of California Berkeley
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of Chicago
- University of Illinois Chicago
- University of Iowa
- University of Kansas Medical Center
- University of Miami
- University of Michigan
- University of Missouri
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Southern Florida
- University of Virginia
- University of Washington
- University of Wisconsin Madison
- Wheaton College

*This is a partial list of where 2022 graduates are pursuing further education.

Alumni Profile

Margaret Jones De La Cruz ’22

Majors: Anthropology and Spanish
Landed: J.D. Candidate at DePaul University

Now a first-year law student at DePaul, Margaret actually didn’t take any pre-law classes during her time at Wheaton, instead focusing on majors in Anthropology and Spanish. Her Anthropology classes in particular, such as Culture Theory, helped cultivate a sense of curiosity and hone the critical reading and writing skills that are vital for a J.D. program. But beyond her classes, Margaret highlights her internships as what most prepared her for a career in the legal field. Along with being a data intern in the Center for Vocation and Career and a student scholar for the Center for Faith and Innovation, Margaret spent the summer before her senior year at Arrive Ministries working with immigrants and refugees in the naturalization and resettlement process. “It was so meaningful to channel my passion for legal advocacy and use my Spanish skills while also learning a ton of practical things that are relevant to my law classes now.” Her advice to students: “Don’t be scared to start networking early! I was very shy when I started at Wheaton, but being brave and connecting with people early was so helpful to my professional growth. I challenge students to do the same!”
Internships completed by the Class of 2022

Internships are a critical part of career preparation. Our goal is for 100% of Wheaton students to complete at least one internship or research opportunity during their undergraduate years. Here is a partial list of internship sites:

- Advanced Neurology of Colorado
- Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital
- African Bible College
- Amazon
- American Enterprise Institute
- Argonne National Laboratory
-Arrow Ministries
- Ashoka
- Athletics Physical Therapy
- Ball Horticultural Company
- Bolingbrook Christian Health Center
- Camp Pondo
- Castillo Games
- Chaplains Church
- Chatham Financial
- Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives
- Christianity Today
- Church of the Resurrection
- Colorado Springs Pregnancy Center
- Commonwealth Foundation
- Compass Mortgage
- Cosley Zoo
- Cross Health
- Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art
- Darling Media
- Deafnet Lodge
- Denver Rescue Mission
- DuPage County Animal Services
- DuPage County School District
- ELIC
- Emmaus Chicago
- Enterprise Rent-A-Car
- Equitas Health
- Ethiopian Community Association
- FCA
- Fermilab National Accelerator Laboratory
- First Trust Portfolios
- FONA International
- Franklin Middle School
- Guangzhou Hospital
- Hanyang University
- Heartland
- Heritage Professional Associates
- HOPPE International
- Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota
- Indiana Department of Health
- International Justice Mission
- JLL House
- Kimberly-Clark
- Klachi
- Latin American News Digest
- Landeridge Christian Health Center
- Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
- Longfellow Elementary School
- Marine Biological Laboratory
- Meier Clinic
- Merrill Lynch Wealth Management
- Metropolitan family services
- Mukono Church of Uganda Hospital
- NAMI DuPage
- National School Project
- National Taiwan University
- Northwestern Medicine
- Northwestern Mutual
- Notable Notes
- Oasis
- One On One
- Open Door Ministries
- Outreach Community Ministries
- Paz Y Esperanza Colombia
- Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
- PepsiCo
- Performance Trust Capital Partners
- Pliner Inc.
- Puente Del Pueblo
- Realize Design
- Renew Counseling Center
- RJJconstruction
- Six Flags Great America
- Southernmost Advantage
- State Farm
- Sterling National Bank
- Sunshine Gospel Ministries
- The Center for Family and Relational Health
- The Center for Public Justice
- The Genius Brand
- The gospel coalition
- The Jakarta Post
- The Morton Arboretum
- The Orthopaedic Center
- The Refugee Education Center
- The Tides Group
- U.S. Army
- U.S. Bank
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- U.S. Department of State
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Alumni Profiles

Hasten Biddlecome ’22

Majors: Geology and Spanish
Landed: Staff Geophysicist at GEI Consultants

When he wasn't outside piloting drones to make orthomosaic maps, practicing his Spanish language skills, or serving as captain on the varsity soccer team, Hasten could often be found in the basement of Meyer Science Center for the Geology Department’s Earth Club, listening and learning from fellow students and alumni pursuing careers in earth science. When asked why he chose to study geology, he explained, “I love science and I love being outdoors. Geology lets me do different things every day. I’m able to be in the office or be out in the field, and I get to travel to incredible places.” For Hasten, the tight-knit feel of the Geology department and the top-notch professors helped solidify this love. After spending a few months at an environmental consulting firm, Hasten is now a staff geophysicist at GEI Consultants, which he found through a LinkedIn connection. He puts his geophysics studies, geological testing experience, Spanish ability, and even his drone piloting skills to work each day, working alongside structural engineers. Hasten’s advice to Wheaton students? “If you don’t have LinkedIn, get LinkedIn, and send Wheaton alumni a message! Our alumni are so helpful!”

Monik Flores ’22

Majors: English and Secondary Education
Landed: High School English Teacher at Rauner College Prep

During her time at Wheaton, Monik flexed her creative skills in various ways: as a photographer wherever needed, as the opinion section editor of the student newspaper The Record, and as the graphic designer for College Union. She also served in various roles for Unidad Cristiana, Wheaton’s Latino community. and ended her time at Wheaton as president of Unidad. In the summers, she worked as a teaching assistant with RBRIDGE, where she worked with underrepresented minority and first-generation high school students. In every role she served in, her goal was to keep BIPOC individuals and “our voices” at the forefront. These experiences have been vital as she has stepped into her role as an English teacher at Rauner College Prep, a Chicago charter school. This year, Monik has been tasked with teaching a brand new course on African American and Latin-American literature for 11th graders. In this role, she has become particularly thankful for her English teachers that went beyond the traditional English canon. Taking from some of her classes at Wheaton, she teaches authors like James Baldwin, August Wilson, and Elizabeth Acevedo. Her advice to current students is “When looking for jobs, know the Lord will bring you to the right place.”

WHERE DID THEY INTERN BEFORE GRADUATION?

71% of the class completed at least one internship during their time at Wheaton.